

MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - APRIL, 1961

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 31.12.1960

Metropolitan at 31.12.1960

Males - 379,751 Females - 360,494 Persons - 740,245

Persons - 400,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars	MARCH				Three Months ended MARCH			
	1961		1960		1961		1960	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	455	7.22	501	8.13	1,514	8.17	1,474	8.16
Births	1,507	23.93	1,444	23.44	4,399	23.75	4,045	22.38
Deaths	451	7.16	442	7.18	1,437	7.76	1,246	6.89
Infant Mortality (b)	28	18.58	34	23.55	77	17.50	91	22.50

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births.

(b) Deaths under one year.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH		MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Oversea	4,736	4,003	41,309	33,477	14,879	11,357	124,497	91,043
Interstate	11,199	9,876	86,076	89,023	2,757	3,083	31,018	26,847
Total:	15,935	13,879	127,385	122,500	17,636	14,440	155,515	117,890

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the four months ended April, 1961, totalled 118,465 acres, a decrease of 83,588 acres compared with the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered during the same period amounted to 3,510,930 acres, an increase of 1,791,237 acres compared with the corresponding period of 1960.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	APRIL		Ten Months ended APRIL	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	6,846,102	6,065,845	53,340,918	49,677,256
Revenue per Head of Population	9. 4. 3	8. 6. 8	72. 7. 6	68. 12. 8
Expenditure	5,613,888	5,231,067	57,958,383	53,585,315
Expenditure per Head of Population	7. 11. 1	7. 3. 9	78. 12. 10	74. 0. 8

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of April, 1961 amounted to £79,354,703 or £106-13-2 per head of population as against £76,201,136 or £104-12-3 per head at the end of April, 1960.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the four weeks ended 26th April, 1961, amounted to £23,532,488 compared with £19,363,355 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		APRIL		Ten Months ended APRIL	
		1961	1960	1961	1960
Transfers	No.	1,352	1,587	18,588	17,917
	£.	3,118,465	3,590,460	34,800,222	31,863,272
Mortgages	No.	1,078	1,328	12,796	13,486
	£.	2,462,664	3,207,637	28,858,203	30,301,742
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	942	1,062	10,185	10,589

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
April, 1961	3,940,314	3,263,192	12,513,106	624,178
April, 1960	4,185,192	3,123,477	10,792,371	619,895
Ten Months ended April, 1961	48,859,781	39,342,663	126,150,385	7,945,494
Ten Months ended April, 1960	44,198,401	33,576,576	112,287,897	7,107,164

COMPANIES REGISTERED

322 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £21,793,000 and 133 Foreign Companies were registered during the ten months ended April, 1961. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 272 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £13,812,800 and 120 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Ten Months ended APRIL					
	1961			1960		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders	107	234,440	77,428	96	239,900	57,075
Compositions, Assignments and Deeds of Arrangement(a)	65	231,019	188,818	66	213,433	247,362

(a) Under Parts XI and XII of Bankruptcy Act.

TRANSPORT

(Operations of the State Government Railways open for General and Passenger traffic, including Railway Road Service).

Item	MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
Gross Earnings £.	1,574,850	1,399,700	12,043,500	11,069,600
Operating Expenses £.	1,347,678	1,314,457	11,597,941	11,473,456
Train Miles Run No.	716,737	706,516	5,795,595	5,983,944
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(a) 114,387	(b) 92,042	(c) 1,003,985	(d) 863,792
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train No.	934,600	1,015,990	9,551,730	10,519,724
Motor Bus No.	22,503	19,875	202,977	196,226
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods	474,270	463,695	3,352,599	3,248,243
Livestock	8,007	12,808	112,772	129,257
Departmental (Free Freight)	41,658	37,332	387,094	481,903
Total:	523,935	513,835	3,852,465	3,859,403
<u>Net Ton Milage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	76,352,488	70,034,980	522,703,173	503,626,873
Livestock	1,011,863	1,822,716	15,526,528	16,847,762
Departmental (Free Freight)	4,822,246	3,896,773	39,263,794	44,768,932
Total:	82,186,597	75,754,469	577,493,495	565,243,567

- (a) Four weeks ended 25th February.
(b) Four weeks ended 27th February.
(c) Period 1st July to 25th February.
(d) Period 1st July to 27th February.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959	5,957	1,205	2,454	20	1,615	9,785	1,962	5,684	55	2,187
1960	8,172	1,774	2,403	27	1,053	12,713	2,951	5,655	66	1,470
<u>1960 -</u>										
March	632	114	186	7	144	987	199	470	10	177
April	610	121	157	3	85	945	216	401	8	114
May	635	158	212	1	76	970	268	474	3	102
June	712	175	208	3	60	1,086	261	444	5	98
July	635	161	200	2	57	1,019	244	494	4	85
August	812	199	218	3	71	1,159	307	500	8	104
September	873	128	236	-	79	1,375	210	526	4	112
October	847	153	254	3	65	1,321	236	562	5	94
November	869	217	224	4	55	1,336	370	587	5	94
December	517	137	170	1	60	901	284	444	5	88
<u>1961 -</u>										
January	409	106	123	-	67	607	193	327	2	103
February	523	170	183	1	62	762	255	369	10	94
March	718	231	198	-	65	1,028	357	414	4	99

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
<u>1957 -</u>								
June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
<u>1958 -</u>								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
<u>1959 -</u>								
June	75,203	25,222	584	9,080	118,112	66,617	1,213	13,411
December	78,759	25,955	571	9,416	123,293	68,017	1,191	13,559
<u>1960 -</u>								
June	81,636	26,058	554	9,422	127,863	69,131	1,194	13,609
December	86,582	26,507	561	9,068	134,220	70,320	1,220	13,097
<u>1961 -</u>								
January	87,687	26,677	563	9,082	133,760	68,933	1,105	12,948
February	87,944	26,641	566	9,052	134,671	69,557	1,220	12,882
March	88,504	26,615	563	9,034	136,141	70,148	1,223	12,999

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000
1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,242	8,496	19,934
1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959	1,452	3,880	4,657	14,134	138	986	731	9,376	6,978	28,376
1960	1,103	3,013	5,363	16,859	161	2,224	814	11,797	7,441	33,893
1961 - March Qr.	284	781	1,220	3,910	32	224	203	3,564	1,739	8,479

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(Includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000
1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959	3,762	12,327	28	58	2,066	4,780	6	13	5,862	17,178
1960	4,582	14,972	21	60	1,573	3,911	5	7	6,181	18,950
1961 - March Qr.	985	3,445	1	1	336	840	2	3	1,324	4,289

MINE PRODUCTION OF GOLD (a)

Item		MARCH		Three Months ended MARCH	
		1961	1960	1961	1960
Quantity	Fine oz.	64,827	74,303	201,612	200,789
Value (Aust. Currency)	£.	1,012,918	1,160,981	3,150,185	3,137,324
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies	£.	77,344	77,344	319,144	265,144

(a) Including gold contained in gold-bearing materials exported. Value is in terms of Australian currency, excluding amounts realized by the Gold Producers' Association Limited on sales of Western Australian gold and amount of subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERTH METROPOLITAN AREA

(Base of Each Index Series: Year 1952-53 = 100)

Period	Group					Com- bined Index
	Food	Clothing and Drapery	Housing	Household Supplies and Equipment	Mis- cellan- eous	
Year ended June:						
1958	114.4	105.7	126.0	105.7	118.3	113.6
1959	115.2	107.2	130.3	105.9	118.7	114.7
1960	118.4	108.2	133.5	107.1	120.9	116.9
Quarters:						
1960 - March	118.4	108.0	134.2	107.4	121.2	117.1
June	121.6	109.6	135.6	107.0	123.3	119.0
September	122.9	109.8	137.0	107.4	123.7	119.8
December	122.9	110.8	141.6	107.3	125.6	120.8
1961 - March	125.3	110.9	143.5	107.4	125.8	121.9

Note: For current Statistical purposes the Consumer Index supersedes the "C" Series Retail Price Index formerly shown in this publication.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private Domestic and Personnel in Defence Forces. Prior to December, 1959 excludes also National Service Trainees in camp.)

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1959:</u>				<u>1960 (cont.):</u>			
April	140.7	47.2	187.9	April	141.0	48.7	189.7
May	140.2	47.3	187.5	May	141.1	49.3	190.4
June	140.0	47.0	187.0	June	141.7	49.1	190.8
July	140.1	47.0	187.1	July	141.9	49.2	191.1
August	139.9	46.9	186.8	August	142.7	49.7	192.4
September	140.7	47.3	188.0	September	143.1	50.1	193.2
October	141.0	47.6	188.6	October	143.2	50.3	193.5
November	141.1	48.2	189.3	November	143.7	50.5	194.2
December	140.8	48.2	189.0	December	143.5	51.0	194.5
<u>1960:</u>				<u>1961:</u>			
January	140.8	47.3	188.1	January	142.7	50.0	192.7
February	141.5	48.4	189.9	February	143.2	50.3	193.5
March	141.4	48.8	190.2	March	142.9	50.4	193.3

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1959 are subject to revision.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
January	237	241	232	231	229	234	241
February	240	241	235	233	231	237	241
March	242	240	236	234	233	238	239
April	243	239	234	233	233	237	
May	242	238	234	230	232	238	
June	239	235	231	228	229	237	
July	238	231	229	229	231	237	
August	239	230	229	229	232	239	
September	241	233	232	230	233	241	
October	241	233	232	232	234	241	
November	243	233	233	231	235	242	
December	242	232	232	231	235	240	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1960 are subject to revision.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male			Female			Male		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
1/5/61	14.	19.	3	11.	4.	5	14.	17.	8
							11.	3.	3
							14.	12.	0
							10.	19.	0

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
March, 1961	13,000	1,474	151,734	51,619	15,430
March, 1960	12,924	2,074	163,729	55,138	11,575
9 Months ended March, 1961	134,171	13,916	1,336,567	807,654	145,340
9 Months ended March, 1960	157,847	20,412	1,413,789	698,578	129,342

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork(a)
March, 1961	2,609	60	2,900	721	815
March, 1960	2,460	76	2,885	765	623
9 Months ended March, 1961	28,451	581	25,672	11,611	7,922
9 Months ended March, 1960	32,224	828	25,482	9,678	6,906

(a) Includes pork for bacon and ham - see page 12.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area.

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (a)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents(a)		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State
1956	5,866	7,961	2,161	3,036	8,027	10,997	102	182	2,653	3,889
1957	6,150	8,343	2,244	3,220	8,394	11,563	87	152	2,733	4,068
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
1959	6,349	8,492	2,474	3,521	8,823	12,013	86	171	3,135	4,624
1960	7,180	9,559	2,598	3,713	9,778	13,272	94	199	3,289	4,862
3 Months ended March, 1960	1,596	2,148	652	890	2,248	3,038	23	51	810	1,147
3 Months ended March, 1961	936	1,363	586	874	1,522	2,237	17	42	767	1,198
1961 -										
January	291	442	190	277	481	719	6	10	261	396
February	316	442	181	266	497	708	6	12	234	362
March	329	479	215	331	544	810	5	20	272	440

(a) Non-casualty accidents from 1956 to 1960 exclude those where damage was estimated to be £10 or less; from January, 1961 they exclude those where estimated damage was £25 or less.

AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1960									1961			
		Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
FRUIT		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. s.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	14. 1	10. 6	10. 5	9. 7	8. 4	9. 5	11. 7	13. 1	16. 6	18. 6	21. 5	29. 8	18. 1
Oranges - Navel	bush.	34. 6	24. 1	20. 7	20. 2	20. 6	25. 6	27. 9	28. 8	-	-	-	-	-
- Val.	bush.	33. 6	-	-	-	18. 8	21. 6	21. 1	20. 8	20. 1	24. 9	26. 5	28. 2	25. 3
Bananas - Local	lb.	10	1. 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apples - G.Smith	bush.	15. 7	18. 2	22. 9	27. 7	31. 3	33. 1	34. 4	36.10	25.11	-	-	14. 5	14.11
- Other	bush.	24.10	24. 9	27. 9	40. 3	57. 4	52. 4	54. 8	49. 3	34. 1	19. 1	21. 1	18.10	20. 6
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	22. 6	18. 0	22. 4	25. 5	29. 5	-	-	-	-	29. 6	18. 9	18. 6	15. 7
Apricots	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16. 9	17. 0	25. 4	-	-	-
Nectarines	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24. 9	22.10	-	-
Plums	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	31.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17. 7	16. 2	12. 2	-	-
Peaches	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20. 8	16. 4	22.10	14. 8	18. 4	-
Grapes	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	26. 7	28. 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	25. 9	28.11	23. 3	27.10	16. 9
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate (a)	10. 4	18. 5	16. 8	6.11	4. 9	5. 3	5.10	8. 3	5.11	6. 5	9.10	16. 4	11. 2
Cauliflowers	dozen	12.11	19.10	15. 4	12. 0	16.11	19.11	13. 8	16. 9	15. 6	-	24. 6	20. 2	19. 4
Lettuce	crate	8. 3	7. 3	6.10	9. 5	16.10	12. 3	8.11	14.10	10. 5	15. 3	21. 7	15. 5	6. 4
Table Celery	doz.head	9. 5	7. 1	5.11	5.10	6. 7	9. 2	10. 1	14. 1	11.10	9.11	10. 1	10. 5	10. 8
Beetroot	cwt.	34. 2	42.11	54. 7	62. 5	78. 8	81. 7	96. 2	61.10	65.11	74. 2	92. 8	50.10	21. 3
Carrots	cwt.	17.11	18. 8	17. 9	21. 2	21.10	19.10	26. 1	23. 3	19.11	21.10	29. 6	43. 5	48. 7
Parsnips	cwt.	32. 7	27.11	26. 2	37. 8	35. 5	51. 8	46. 9	48. 1	44. 2	52. 3	66. 6	85. 3	98. 0
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.bag	11.11	21. 0	11.11	12. 5	8.11	5. 5	5. 3	5. 5	4. 8	6. 4	11. 7	11. 0	5.10
Swedes	cwt.	26.10	29. 9	22. 5	25. 9	24. 0	27. 0	35. 2	33. 3	22. 2	38. 6	60. 5	75. 7	62.11
Runner Beans	lb.	9	1. 9	1. 6	1. 5	1. 3	1. 2	11	1. 2	6	1. 1	1. 7	1. 8	6
Peas	lb.	1. 5	1. 4	1. 6	1. 9	1. 0	1. 2	7	1. 1	1. 0	1. 5	1. 6	1. 7	1. 5
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	4	4	4	4	4	4	7	6	6	11	7	5	5
Pumpkin	bag	15.11	21. 6	21. 1	22. 5	27. 6	39. 6	44. 5	80. 0	47. 6	25. 6	34. 5	31. 9	30. 3
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	16. 3	23. 3	32. 5	28. 4	21. 6	28. 3	47.10	40. 6	19. 7	26. 5	27. 0	34. 2	25. 6
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Onions (b)	ton	60. 0.0	60. 0.0	60. 0.0	52.10.0	52.10.0	(c)	(c)	(c)	30. 0.0	35. 0.0	45. 0.0	45. 0.0	50. 0.0(e)
Potatoes (d)	ton	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0

(a) 50 lb. crate

(b) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area.

(c) Onion Pool closed.

(d) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.

(e) From 17th April.

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

	1960										1961			
	Apr. £. s. d.	May £. s. d.	June £. s. d.	July £. s. d.	Aug. £. s. d.	Sept. £. s. d.	Oct. £. s. d.	Nov. £. s. d.	Dec. £. s. d.	Jan. £. s. d.	Feb. £. s. d.	Mar. £. s. d.	Apr. £. s. d.	
SHEEP														
Suckers	-	-	-	3.17. 1	3.11.11	3. 3.11	3. 1. 4	2.19. 0	3. 2. 8	-	-	-	-	
Lambs														
In Wool	3.19. 6	4. 7. 0	3.19.11	3.16. 8	3. 9. 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.14. 3	3.17. 2	
Shorn	3. 2. 2	3. 9. 6	3. 2. 4	2.17. 7	-	-	2.12. 1	2.15. 9	2.17. 5	3. 8. 6	3.11. 0	-	3.10. 2	
Hoggets														
In Wool	3. 9.11	4. 1. 2	3.14. 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3. 7. 4	-	
Shorn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.16. 6	3. 3. 2	3. 6. 3	-	-	
Ewes														
In Wool	2.16. 2	3. 6. 8	3. 8. 1	3. 6. 5	2.16. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.15. 9	2.16. 7	
Shorn	1.16. 5	1.19.11	2. 8.11	2. 3. 9	1.19. 0	1.15. 0	1.15. 8	1.18. 4	2. 3. 7	2.10. 4	2.10.11	2. 2. 3	1.18. 6	
Wethers														
In Wool	3. 9. 7	3.14.11	3.16.11	3.13. 9	3. 0. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	3. 4. 6	3. 5. 4	
Shorn	2. 0.11	2.10. 7	2.14. 0	2.10. 4	2. 5. 6	2. 4.11	2. 6. 4	2. 6.11	2.11. 3	2.19. 2	2.19.11	2. 9. 4	2. 6.10	
CATTLE														
Baby Beef	40. 5. 6	40. 8.11	42.15. 2	41. 4. 3.	37.10. 9	37.18. 9	38. 2. 0	36.15.10	39. 9. 2	36. 6. 3	36.19. 8	38.16. 6	40. 9.11	
Heifers	51. 7. 9	47.10. 0	43.10. 2	-	42. 4. 0	38. 2. 4	43.10. 3	39.13. 2	41. 0. 0	-	-	42. 7.11	44.16. 1	
Cows	56. 2. 4	56. 5.11	50.16. 5	48.12. 9	48. 7. 8	49. 2.11	49.10.11	48.12. 7	49.14. 2	49.10. 6	51.16. 8	55. 6. 3	54. 0. 6	
Steers	59.16. 8	53.12. 6	52.13. 4	49. 9. 6	50. 6. 4	51. 8. 1	52. 7.10	52. 0. 5	51.12. 3	51.14. 8	53.17. 7	55. 7. 6	57. 6. 2	
Bullocks	69. 4. 0	61.17. 9	60.10.11	61. 5. 1	60.16. 9	60.13.11	62. 6. 1	60.16. 7	66. 7. 6	-	-	-	-	
PIGS														
Slips	7. 9. 2	5. 8. 4	6.11. 1	-	6.19. 9	7. 6. 8	-	5. 9.11	6. 6. 8	-	4.16. 9	-	-	
Porkers	11.19. 4	10.17. 5	11.10. 4	11. 0. 2	11.11. 0	11. 9.10	11.17. 1	11. 3.10	10.19. 7	9.17.11	10. 3.10	9.11.11	9.17.11	
Baconers	17. 0. 3	16. 3. 2	16.14. 1	16.18. 1	17. 3. 5	16.18. 2	17. 7. 0	16.10. 3	16. 1. 9	16. 3. 2	15. 5. 5	15. 3. 6	15. 8. 5	

AVERAGE PRICES OF POULTRY PER LB. (LIVELINEIGHT) - SOLD AT THE METROPOLITAN MARKETS

Turkey Hens	2. 8	2.10	2. 9	2.10	2. 9	2. 9	2.10	3. 6	3. 9	-	3. 8	3. 3	2.10
" Cocks	2. 7	2. 8	2. 8	2. 8	2. 8	2. 7	2. 7	3. 3	3. 8	3. 1	-	3. 3	3. 2
Ducks	2. 1	2. 3	2. 4	2. 5	2. 6	-	3. 2	3. 8	3. 6	2. 8	2. 6	2. 3	2. 2
Drakes	2. 2	2. 2	2. 4	2. 4	2. 5	2.11	3. 2	3. 9	3. 8	2.10	2. 6	2. 3	2. 3
Geese	1.10	2. 1	1.10	1. 7	-	-	-	-	2. 9	-	1. 7	1. 9	1. 7
Cockerels	3. 2	3. 4	3. 4	3. 3	3. 0	2. 8	2. 7	2. 8	3. 0	2.10	2. 9	3. 1	2. 9
Capons	3. 4	3. 6	3. 8	3. 2	3. 0	2.10	2. 9	2.11	3. 2	2.11	2.11	3. 2	2.10
Hens	2. 4	2. 4	2. 6	2. 5	2. 5	2. 5	2. 3	2. 4	2. 4	2. 4	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3

RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES - NEW AGREEMENTS MADE (a)

Period	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.			Plant and Machinery			Household and Personal Goods (b)			Total (All Goods)			Total Balances Outstanding at end of each period (e)
	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	
	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000
1955-56	21,810	14,644	9,133	821	531	334	57,592	4,484	3,674	80,223	19,659	13,141	15,388
1956-57	20,790	13,524	8,325	1,385	963	604	60,417	4,338	3,523	82,592	18,825	12,452	15,488
1957-58	26,321	18,176	11,263	1,829	1,542	1,081	64,214	4,811	3,880	92,364	24,529	16,224	19,052
1958-59	26,998	18,216	11,264	2,145	1,782	1,167	51,842	4,175	3,347	80,985	24,173	15,778	20,779
1959-60	30,898	22,123	13,891	2,811	2,271	1,435	46,676	5,196	4,209	80,385	29,590	19,535	25,169
1959 - March	2,122	1,569	956	188	143	95	3,653	280	228	5,963	1,992	1,279	20,526
April	2,262	1,598	977	274	204	129	3,817	313	251	6,353	2,115	1,357	20,699
May	2,178	1,455	896	192	123	82	3,833	272	221	6,203	1,850	1,199	20,818
June	2,177	1,412	869	131	77	52	3,200	263	210	5,508	1,752	1,131	20,779
July	2,213	1,562	952	139	97	63	3,374	297	232	5,726	1,956	1,247	20,878
August	2,282	1,641	1,026	132	87	61	3,660	284	229	6,074	2,012	1,316	21,107
September	2,446	1,596	1,002	174	145	89	3,790	360	292	6,410	2,101	1,383	21,407
October	2,620	1,822	1,154	354	352	223	3,663	356	288	6,637	2,530	1,665	21,991
November	2,687	1,987	1,231	445	534	335	3,871	427	344	7,003	2,948	1,910	22,892
December	2,889	2,165	1,360	221	224	138	4,709	461	368	7,819	2,850	1,866	23,633
1960 - January	2,556	1,602	1,011	152	109	67	3,831	486	385	6,539	2,197	1,463	23,716
February	2,539	1,756	1,102	181	126	82	3,410	456	363	6,130	2,338	1,547	22,865
March	2,784	2,013	1,248	263	155	98	4,234	582	462	7,281	2,750	1,808	23,279
April	2,533	1,899	1,210	293	156	96	3,245	397	334	6,071	2,452	1,640	23,687
May	2,708	1,969	1,238	262	161	101	4,569	553	463	7,539	2,683	1,802	24,430
June	2,641	2,111	1,357	195	125	82	4,320	537	449	7,156	2,773	1,888	25,169
July	2,368	1,794	1,124	188	137	89	4,105	468	388	6,661	2,399	1,601	25,852
August	2,588	1,914	1,200	178	126	87	3,835	539	457	6,601	2,579	1,744	26,397
September	2,670	1,962	1,269	289	228	151	3,775	465	385	6,734	2,655	1,805	26,602
October	2,661	2,126	1,341	487	571	367	3,759	470	382	6,907	3,167	2,090	27,316
November	2,754	2,235	1,419	465	494	322	3,680	485	396	6,899	3,214	2,137	28,438
December	1,766	1,403	867	215	191	117	4,094	509	428	6,075	2,103	1,412	29,161
1961 - January	Not yet available												29,094
February	do.												27,423
March	do.												27,319

(a) Figures relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. (b) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods.

(c) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (e) Includes hiring charges and insurance.

RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

(£ million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food- Stuffs, Soft Drinks	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings	Foot- wear	Hardware, China and Glass- ware (b)	Elect- rical Goods Pianos, etc.	Furniture, Floor Coverings, Mattresses	Chem- ists' Goods	News- papers, Books, Station- ery	Other Goods (c)	Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.)	Motor Veh- icles, Trac- tors, Parts, Petrol, etc. (d)
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	20.5	3.6	9.3	6.1	5.2	3.2	3.3	18.2	126.4	37.3
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	24.2	3.9	10.1	7.5	6.1	4.6	4.4	21.3	155.8	49.3
1957-58	27.4	12.0	19.4	19.5	28.6(e)	(e)	10.1	8.2	6.5	(f)	(f)	31.8(f)	163.5	56.3
1958-59	28.7	11.1	19.4	18.4	25.1	4.3	10.7	8.7	6.5	5.6	4.7	21.2	164.4	54.7
1959-60	30.9	11.6	21.3	18.9	27.4	4.7	11.9	13.4	7.6	5.9	5.0	22.6	181.2	65.3
Sept. Qr.														
1956	6.6	2.9	4.4	3.8	6.6(e)	(e)	2.4	1.6	1.5	(f)	(f)	6.6(f)	36.4	11.5
1957	6.6	3.1	4.5	4.2	6.7(e)	(e)	2.5	1.9	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.0(f)	38.1	13.6
1958	7.0	2.8	4.5	4.0	6.0	1.0	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	4.4	38.1	12.9
1959	7.5	2.9	4.9	4.2	6.3	1.1	2.7	2.4	1.7	1.4	1.1	4.5	40.7	14.6
1960	7.8	3.0	5.2	4.3	6.8	1.2	3.0	3.7	2.1	1.6	1.1	4.9	44.7	17.9
Dec. Qr.														
1956	6.7	2.8	4.8	4.7	8.2(e)	(e)	2.7	2.3	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.8(f)	41.6	12.5
1957	7.2	3.0	5.0	5.3	8.5(e)	(e)	2.9	2.6	1.8	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	44.4	14.7
1958	7.6	2.7	5.0	5.2	7.2	1.2	3.0	2.9	1.8	1.5	1.3	5.2	44.6	14.0
1959	8.0	2.9	5.5	5.2	7.8	1.3	3.3	3.6	2.0	1.6	1.4	5.5	48.1	16.8
1960	8.8	3.1	5.8	5.7	8.0	1.4	3.6	4.0	2.2	1.8	1.4	5.8	51.6	18.4
March Qr.														
1956	6.4	2.6	4.8	4.6	5.8(e)	(e)	2.3	2.1	1.4	(f)	(f)	7.8(f)	37.8	12.7
1957	6.3	2.7	4.7	4.9	6.0(e)	(e)	2.4	1.8	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	38.4	12.1
1958	6.7	2.9	5.0	5.4	6.0(e)	(e)	2.4	2.0	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.5(f)	40.4	14.0
1959	7.0	2.7	5.2	5.0	5.1	0.9	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.2	5.5	40.0	13.7
1960	7.5	2.8	5.7	5.1	6.0	1.0	2.9	3.5	1.9	1.4	1.3	6.3	45.4	16.4
1961	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	47.2	(g)
June Qr.														
1956	6.7	2.8	4.3	3.7	7.3(e)	(e)	2.5	1.5	1.4	(f)	(f)	7.5(f)	37.7	11.1
1957	6.6	2.9	4.7	4.2	7.3(e)	(e)	2.6	1.8	1.5	(f)	(f)	7.8(f)	39.4	13.2
1958	6.9	3.0	4.9	4.6	7.4(e)	(e)	2.3	1.7	1.6	(f)	(f)	8.2(f)	40.6	14.0
1959	7.1	2.9	4.7	4.2	6.8	1.2	2.6	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.1	6.1	41.7	14.1
1960	7.9	3.0	5.2	4.4	7.3	1.3	3.0	3.9	2.0	1.5	1.2	6.3	47.0	17.5

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are subject to revision. (b) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (e) Footwear is included with Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings. (f) Chemists' Goods and Papers, Books, Stationery are included with Other Goods. (g) Not yet available.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS

Item	Unit	MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
		1961	1960	1961	1960
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	408	473	3,899	4,010
Bricks - Clay (a)	'000	9,539	9,685	80,576	74,734
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yds.	120	170	1,136	1,068
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	2,564	2,602	21,184	17,976
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	31,301	36,567	288,081	281,270
Tiles, Roofing - Cement	'000	311	610	3,203	4,269
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) (b)	'000 sup.ft.	16,469	16,300	144,049	156,237
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	1,431	1,401	9,360	8,118
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	2,079	1,529	9,445	9,082
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	"	4,114	4,451	42,545	46,963
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	number	12	51	150	448
- 2 piece	"	1,417	1,346	14,009	12,691
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	6,730	6,540	64,331	56,642
- Work	"	15,086	15,898	123,144	141,205
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots, Shoes and Sandals (all types)	pair	40,857	49,854	472,849	442,487
Slippers	"	17,578	20,299	101,244	125,541
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallons	581	396	4,457	3,720
Cordials and Syrups	gallon	28,419	15,107	228,457	167,352
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	527	497	5,179	5,200
Butter	"	209	284	13,971	13,764
Cheese	"	66	57	2,344	2,722
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acid - Acetic	cwt.	500	460	5,340	5,492
- Sulphuric	ton	22,840	21,333	168,020	158,615
Coal	"	52,763	84,666	566,908	673,270
Electricity Generated	'000 kwh.	88,211	79,742	776,661	685,625
Gas Produced	million cub. ft.	109	118	1,072	1,047
Mattresses - Soft Filled and Other (c)	number	2,560	3,256	24,046	27,171
Pig Iron	ton	4,226	4,513	39,373	34,256
Superphosphate	"	62,770	60,451	455,278	439,063
Wool - Scoured	'000 lb.	2,407	2,917	22,824	25,518

(a) Standard size

(b) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

(c) Including Rubber and Plastic foam and sponge; excluding Inner Spring.

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